

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Original) A prefabricated roof truss that is positionable in a first collapsed position and a second erected position comprising:

a matrix of interconnected chord members forming a truss in the second erected position;

a first chord member of the truss having a connector strap mounted thereto, the connector strap having a first end interconnected to the first chord member and a second end extending therefrom, the first and second ends having an offset portion therebetween that defines a recess therebetween;

a second chord member that is positionable adjacent to the first chord member, wherein the second end of the connector is adapted to be interconnected to the second chord member when the truss is positioned in the second, erected position;

a third chord member positionable adjacent to and generally orthogonally to the first and second chord members and generally intersecting the first and second chord members, wherein the third chord member is at least partially received in the recess of the connector when the first and second ends thereof are mounted to the respective first and second chords.

55. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the connector includes a hinge portion between the first end and the second end thereof, wherein the first sidestep portion can thereby be pivoted with respect to the second sidestep portion.

56. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the first end of the connector includes at least one mounting portion thereon.

57. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 56 wherein the mounting portion comprises at least one of an aperture, an integral connector, a drivable connector, and a nail plate.
58. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 57 wherein the second end of the connector includes at least one mounting portion thereon.
59. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 58 wherein the mounting portion comprises at least one of an aperture, an integral connector, a drivable connector, and a nail plate.
60. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein an intermediate portion of the connector is deformable between a first linear position and a second final mounting position, whereby the connector can be deformed when mounted between the first and second chord members of the truss.
61. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the first end of the connector has an integral mounting portion thereon and the second end of the connector has a field mounting thereon.
62. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 61 wherein the integral mounting portion comprises at least one of an aperture, an integral connector, a drivable connector, and a nail plate.
63. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 61 wherein the integral mounting portion of the first end of the connector is integrally mounted to the first chord member of the truss at the time of manufacture of the truss, and the second end of the connector is extended from the first chord member in a position adapted to receive the second chord member of the truss.

64. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the second chord member is mounted to the second end of the connector when the truss is erected in the field.
65. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the first and second ends of the connector extend from the connector in substantially the same lateral direction.
66. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the first and second ends of the connector extend angularly from the connector in substantially the same direction.
67. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the first and second ends of the connector extend from the connector in substantially the opposite lateral direction.
68. (Original) The prefabricated roof truss of claim 54 wherein the first and second ends of the connector extend angularly from the connector in substantially the opposite direction.